

RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
RE: FINAL DESIGNATION OF REDEVELOPER, APPROVAL OF  
FINAL WORKING DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND  
PROPOSED DISPOSITION OF PARCEL J-5A  
IN THE WASHINGTON PARK URBAN RENEWAL AREA  
PROJECT NO. MASS. R-24

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WHEREAS, the Boston Redevelopment Authority, hereinafter referred to as the "Authority", has entered into a contract for loan and capital grant with the Federal Government under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, which contract provides for financial assistance to the hereinafter identified project; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Plan for the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-24, hereinafter referred to as the "Project Area", has been duly reviewed and approved in full compliance with local, state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of urban renewal projects with Federal financial assistance under said Title I, including those prohibiting discrimination because of race, color, sex, religion or national origin; and

WHEREAS, The Ecumenical Center in Roxbury, Inc., has submitted an acceptable proposal for the development of Parcel J-5A in the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. That The Ecumenical Center in Roxbury, Inc., be and hereby is finally designated as Redeveloper of Parcel J-5A in the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area.
2. That it is hereby determined that The Ecumenical Center in Roxbury, Inc., possesses the qualifications and financial resources necessary to acquire and develop the land in accordance with the urban renewal plan for the Project Area.
3. That disposal of said parcel by negotiation is the appropriate method of making the land available for redevelopment.
4. That the Final Working Drawings and Specifications submitted by The Ecumenical Center in Roxbury, Inc., for the development of parcel J-5A, be and hereby are approved.

5. That the Director is hereby authorized for and in behalf of the Boston Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver a Land Disposition Agreement and Deed conveying Parcel J-5A to The Ecumenical Center in Roxbury, Inc., said documents to be in the Authority's usual form.

6. That the Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of the proposed disposal transaction in accordance with Section 105(E) of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, including information with respect to the "Redeveloper's Statement of Public Disclosure".



MEMORANDUM

DECEMBER 16, 1971

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM: ROBERT T. KENNEY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON PARK URBAN RENEWAL AREA PROJECT NO. MASS. R-24  
FINAL DESIGNATION OF REDEVELOPER AND  
APPROVAL OF FINAL WORKING DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS  
DISPOSITION PARCEL J-5A

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Summary: This memorandum requests that the Authority finally designate The Ecumenical Center in Roxbury, Inc., as Redeveloper of the above-captioned disposition parcel, approve the Final Working Drawings and Specifications submitted by The Ecumenical Center in Roxbury, Inc., for development of this parcel, and authorize the conveyance to The Ecumenical Center in Roxbury, Inc., of Parcel J-5A in the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area.

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On November 2, 1967, the Authority tentatively designated The Ecumenical Center in Roxbury, Inc., as Redeveloper of Parcel J-5A in Washington Park. The Center proposes to construct and operate a community service facility to be financed in part by a Federal Grant under the Neighborhood Facilities Program and in part by local funds raised through private donations to the Center.

Because the project is located in an urban renewal area, the Authority acted as the Applicant for the Federal Grant. In January of 1969, the Application was approved and a Contract between the Authority and the Department of Housing and Urban Development was executed providing for a Neighborhood Facilities Grant in the amount of \$867,113.00. In July of 1969, a Contract was executed between the Authority and The Ecumenical Center in Roxbury, Inc., by which the Center agreed to construct, operate and maintain the facility. The Center will contribute \$433,556.00 as its share of the cost.

The proposed neighborhood facility will consist of two (2) buildings. One will house facilities for the education of pre-school children, and the other will contain facilities for continuing education and job training programs for adults. The Executive Director

of the Center is Mr. Preston D. Wiley, and the Chairman of their Building Committee is Mr. Frederick Rozelle, a Vice President of Old Colony Bank and Trust Co. The firm of Hill & Barlow has acted as Attorneys. The facility was designed by Marvin E. Goody, John M. Clancy & Associates, Inc., Architects, and the John B. Cruz Construction Company has been selected as General Contractor.

Parcel J-5A consists of slightly more than 90,000 square feet on Crawford Street between Harold Street and Humboldt Avenue. The site is entirely owned by the Authority and has been cleared for some time. No further funds of the Authority will be required to prepare the site for development.

I therefore recommend that the Authority finally designate The Ecumenical Center in Roxbury, Inc., as Redeveloper of Disposition Parcel J-5A, approve the Final Working Drawings and Specifications submitted by The Ecumenical Center in Roxbury, Inc., and authorize the conveyance to The Ecumenical Center in Roxbury, Inc., of this parcel in the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area.

An appropriate Resolution is attached.

Attachment



